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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to continue prosecuting Claims 1-13 and 22-29 of Group I with traverse.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 1-29 as originally filed are directed to distinct inventions and require restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, Claims 1-13 and 22-29, drawn to a catalyst composition and a method of preparing a supported transition metal composition, classified in class 502,